

WARDEN MESSAGE
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A strike by lecturers at the University of Zambia (UNZA) has resulted in a series of demonstrations around the University. The demonstrators have thrown rocks at passing cars and caused significant traffic congestion along Great East Road and the surrounding area. Police response has included the use of tear gas and the arrest of dozens of students. Americans are advised to turn around if confronted with heavy traffic congestion and avoid the University area. The sporadic demonstrations began June 6 and have occurred during daylight and evening hours. UNZA has seen a variety of similar demonstrations in the past; this latest series can be expected to continue until the strike is resolved or until the end of the term in July.

We wish to remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations, and to exercise caution in the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, Travel Warnings, and health information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or for callers outside the U.S. and Canada a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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